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CLOSING ROUND BEECHER!

Investigation to Close on Wednesday.

Moulton Will Settle the Case if Called.

HE IS UNDER A PLEDGE OF SECRESY TO BEECHER.

If He is Not Released, Tilton Will Go to Court and Compel Him to Testify.

THE MOTHER-IN-LAW TO APPEAR THIS EVENING.

SHE FIRST REVEALED THE TERRIBLE SECRET.

Tilton's Cross-Examination Published by the Committee.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

NEW YORK, July 26, 1874.

The investigation of the Plymouth Church Committee will terminate on Wednesday. To-morrow evening, Mrs. Morse, Tilton's mother-in-law, will go before the Committee. She was an inmate of the Tilton household from the time she left her husband's house until three years ago. She first divulged the intimacy between Beecher and Mrs. Tilton. Her testimony will not have much effect, for the reason that she is considered of unsound mind. While laboring under temporary fits of insanity, she has committed violent attacks on her husband and Theodore Tilton. Since her rejection from both homes, she has lived in New Jersey

MR. BEECHER WILL APPEAR

on Tuesday. He will be asked to explain all the letters and the apology confided to Moulton for Tilton. Tilton is unrelenting and inexorable, and says that Beecher is alone responsible for the investigation. He maintains that the three statements are reconcilable in all particulars but the act of criminality, and that can be substantiated by proofs so positive and direct that their production alone will be to Beecher a silent witness that will be worse than his verbal confession.

WILL THEY CALL MOULTON?

Moulton, the only witness to the apology and confession, has not yet been called to appear before the Committee since he voluntarily addressed them at the beginning of the session. Tilton and Moulton have been together all day in Tilton's library. Moulton is very determined on the position he will take, should the Committee decide to summon him.

MOULTON'S COURSE OF ACTION.

He discountenanced their action from the beginning. He did not intend that they should interrogate him on any particulars connected with the case. He does not dread their summons to appear, and will not shrink from explaining his position to all the parties, which is this:

WHAT MOULTON KNOWS.

From circumstances over which he had no control, he became the confidant of Beecher, Tilton and Mrs. Tilton. The secret they confided to him was not to be revealed unless he was requested to do so by all the parties. He wanted to act as an honorable man. There was no circumstance, but the request of the parties or a mandate from a judicial tribunal could wrench the secret from him.

NO BACKWARD STEP.

Tilton has requested him to reveal it to the Committee. The end now rests with Beecher. There is now no backward step. Should the Committee not demand from Mr. Beecher that he shall release Moulton from his promise, Tilton will court a judicial inquiry.

THE COURTS AS A LAST RESORT.

One of the Committee being the District Attorney, Tilton will entreat for a criminal prosecution against himself. That failing, he will move for a divorce. Not that he desires any redress, but that he may prove the guilt of Beecher, and thereby vindicate himself from the charge of bearing false witness against his antagonist. Woodhull will not be called.

By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 26.—The *Tribune* furnishes the following cross-examination of Mr. Tilton before the Beecher Investigating Committee. It is prefaced by the following letter from Mr. Sage:

"Mr. Tilton's direct testimony having been published without the knowledge or consent of the Committee of Investigation, and for ingenuity and plausible concealment of his testimony under cross-examination having been published by means unknown to the Committee and without its consent, whereby it is said, Mr. Tilton feels that injustice has been done to him (it is believed that in fairness to all parties the whole of Mr. Tilton's testimony should be made public at once.

[Signed] H. W. SAGE, Chairman.

BROOKLYN, July 25, 1874.

The testimony makes ten columns of the *Tribune*. The following are the principal points of interest:

In answer to questions by General Tracy, Tilton said he could not give the date of the transaction which he said he witnessed at Mr. Beecher's house at the time of the examination of the engravings. His wife continued to attend Plymouth Church after the transaction, but not regularly. About the time that he ceased to be editor of the *Independent* he made distinct allegation to Beecher that Mr. Beecher of the offense he had committed against him, and a letter was agreed upon between him and Beecher, demanding that Beecher should quit Plymouth pulpit. The examination proceeded as follows:

Q. And was that agreement the result of his statement of the offenses against Mr. Beecher which he and you knew of?

A. On the part of Mr. Bowen, yes.

Q. On your part?

A. I made one statement and he made many.

Q. Will you state the offense you stated against Mr. Beecher to Mr. Bowen on that occasion?

A. Mr. Johnson having introduced the subject to Mr. Bowen, said to me "Mr. Tilton, you do not say as much of Plymouth Church as a Brooklyn paper should. You do not go there. Why do you not go?"

Q. I asked you what offence you stated against Mr. Beecher to Mr. Bowen.

A. I must answer your question in my own way. I came to tell you the truth and not fragments of the truth. Mr. Bowen wanted me to speak more in the paper of Plymouth Church. Mr. Johnson said, 'perhaps Mr. Tilton has a reason for not going to Plymouth Church,' and therefore Mr. Bowen was curious to know the reason. I, in a solitary phrase said that there was a personal domestic reason why I could not go there consistently with self respect; and that Mr. Beecher had been unhandsome in his approaches to my wife. That is the sum and substance of all I have ever said on this subject to the very few people to whom I have spoken of it.

Being asked when he first learned that Mr. or Mrs. Beecher had in any way communicated the facts to Bowen which inflamed him in the matter of his (Tilton's) dismissal, witness said he learned that from Mr. Beecher himself on the day after that apology was written—the second—possibly the third of January. It was in Moulton's room. Beecher came in. It was an unexpected meeting. Beecher burst out in an expression of sorrow and said he hoped the communication he sent, witness by Moulton was satisfactory. He then and there told Moulton that he had done wrong, not so much as some other had (referring to his wife), who had made statements to Bowen that ought to be remade, and volunteered to write a letter to Bowen concerning the facts he had misstated. Mrs. Tilton had told witness of visits Mrs. Beecher made her and of the testimony they wanted to get. Mrs. Tilton spoke a number of times of the enmity which Mrs. Beecher had, for some strange reason, connected with Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Tilton's mother. There was a conspiracy between Mrs. Morse and Mrs. Beecher before September. The truth is, Mrs. Tilton's confession was made also to her mother, and the mother naturally wanted to protect the daughter, and she made a kind of alliance with Mr. Beecher. Later, Mr. Beecher took part in it. There was a desire on their part to protect Elizabeth. Mrs. Tilton thought witness' retirement from the papers was due in some way to Mr. and Mrs. Beecher, and, as witness was very indignant against Bowen, that unless there was some reconciliation between Beecher and her husband her secret would be exposed. She begged witness to have an interview with Beecher, and wrote a note to that effect. The substance of that interview was that Mrs. Tilton felt that Beecher and witness were in danger of collision for her sake. At her request it took place. Tilton's dismissal from the *Union* was two days after that interview. The interview had nothing to do with it.

Being asked why the difficulty with Bowen would involve the exposure of his family secret, which he obtained from Mrs. Tilton six months before, witness said: it was not through fear of my exposing it. Mrs. Morse and Mrs. Beecher were sometimes in collision, and Mrs. Tilton always made me believe that Mr. Beecher knew this secret, until in December, when she told me. I took it for granted, all summer long, that she had told him what she had told me, and what she had told her mother, and I supposed that Mrs. Beecher was co-operating with Mrs. Morse.

Q. Did you not complain of Mr. Beecher for not adding you to your claim for *Independent*?

A. No, sir. I would have scorned it. Tilton continued that he never felt himself weak than that Beecher had not befriended him in that matter, but for being unjust to him and saying he ought to be turned out. In his further testimony witness said he accepted the apology Beecher made and forgave the offense with as much largeness as he thought it possible for a Christian man to assume. His relations thereafter with Beecher were not friendly, but not hostile. They were the relations which Moulton forced with an iron hand. Witness had taken pains to have it appear in all quarters that Beecher and himself were not in hostility, and suppressed his self-respect many times in doing it. Never stated the offense of Mr. Beecher to Dr. Storrs; showed Dr. Storrs a letter which Elizabeth and himself wrote, and which he still preserved; did not charge Beecher with any offence at all.

To the question "How was the offense stated?" Tilton replied that it began in this way: that on a certain day in the summer of 1870, she had informed her husband that Mr. Beecher had asked her to be a wife to him, together with all that implies. She was very solicitous to make it apprear that she did not accept his proposition, and happily in reading it those who saw it naturally inferred that she did not accept the proposition. It was a perfectly correct statement. Witness had that statement to Beecher, who objected to it, and witness made no further use of it. He, however, prepared a document on his relations to Bowen, in which Elizabeth's letter was stated, as well as the letter of apology, which he put in not wishing to make the offense more than that. Was solicitous not to have the worst of the case known. This was also read to Dr. Storrs, to whom witness went in great distress wanting counsel.

Q. And so, to get correct counsel, you misstated the case?

A. Yes. It was a statement necessary to be made after Mrs. Woodhull's statement. I was out of town, and the thing had filled the country, and Beecher had taken no notice of it. It was seven or eight days old, and I went to Dr. Storrs for counsel. He asked me about the story. I said, "Do not ask me for that." He said, "Give me some facts by which I can judge. Give me that which can be proved." So I gave an account of my affairs, very largely about Mrs. Woodhull and so on. The origin of that document was a seeking for something that would put before the public a plausible cover for the Woodhull tale, and I conceived that by a chain of facts we might perhaps explain it away. I read it to Mr. Beecher, and he burst into a long sigh, and I saw that he would put on record one word or two. I altered it, and Elizabeth burned or tore it to pieces.

Q. Why did you abandon the document?

A. Because there was no success in it.

Q. Was it not because he did not accept or reject it?

A. Because he did not accept or reject it. He wanted no statement to be made, and so the thing was hurried.

Q. Have you not frequently asserted the proof of your wife?

A. No. I have always had a strange technical use of words. I have been driven to say that she was a devoted Christian woman. That necessarily carried the other. It was a like statement I carried to Dr. Storrs. I do not think he caught the idea or the statement. As he took it I do not think that I ever uttered the whole. I have said that Elizabeth was a tender, delicate, kindly Christian woman, which I think she is.

Q. Have you not stated that she was pure as an angel?

A. No.

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A. No. Mr. Halliday says I said that he asked me, in Mrs. Bradshaw's presence, whether or not I had not said that 'my wife was as pure as gold.' No. I said to Mr. Halliday, "because the conversation to which you allude was that I said Elizabeth is as pure as gold," himself, and he will say she is as pure as gold.' It is an expression which he used. I have sought to give Elizabeth a spotless character. I have always wanted to do so. I think she deserves a good character. I think she is better than most of us; better than I am. I do not believe that in point of actual moral goodness, during some drawbacks, there is in this company so white a soul as Elizabeth Tilton.

Q. Did you not state that, in substance, to one or more of the gentlemen with whom you were lunching?

A. In substance, yes. And I state it now. But I did not use the phrase that she had never violated her chastity.

Q. Did you not say that she was pure?

A. No.

Q. Did you not use expressions which you intended to be understood as meaning the purity of woman?

A. I did, exactly. There are many ways in which you can produce such impressions, and I have written this document to produce the same impression.

Tilton was next examined in relation to the Wilkeson statement, and explicitly contradicted several points therein, stating that the conversation between himself and Wilkeson was about Bowen, whose charges against Beecher it was desired should be withdrawn. Witness expressed gladness to have this done, for he thought every charge against Beecher endangered his wife, but when the paper was submitted to him to sign it was a compliment to Beecher, rose colored, in which witness was to look up to Beecher with filial respect. He said: "I won't sign that to the end of the world," and cut out a few lines and would not use them. If Wilkeson communicates the impression that witness ever wanted money from Beecher, it is false. Beecher has communicated through Moulton requests that witness be assisted by him, but he wouldn't take a penny of Beecher's money if he suffered from hunger or thirst, and said that if, directly or indirectly Moulton continued to tender to him any of Beecher's money it would break their friendship. Witness' complaint to Wilkeson was that Beecher had been unjust, not that he had not helped him. Witness' relations and feelings toward Beecher, since January 1st, had been the same as the apology, down to the time when the Church began to put out the right hand of fellowship to the throat, were friendly. They were friendly in the sense that we were not in collision with each other, but were not those of friendship. Witness had taken Beecher's apology and given his word that he would not have him exposed.

Q. Is it your sentiment that that is an offense for which one man can apologize to another?

A. I know there is a code of honor among gentlemen that a man cannot condemn such an offense, but I cannot see what offense a man cannot forgive when such an apology is made by the person committing to the person against whom it is committed. If a man believes in the Christian religion, he ought to, I sometimes forgave and sometimes I did not. I do draw a line of difference.

Q. Is that your handwriting? (Showing a slip of paper on which was written "H. W. B. Grace, mercy and peace. Sunday morning. T. T.")

A. I remember, that one morning Mr. Beecher met me in the street and I saw from his manner pleasure it gave him. I have sent kindlier things than that to him.

Q. Did you feel as you spoke?

A. I did. Mr. Moulton said, two or three times, "Mr. Beecher is in great depression. Can't you do something to cheer his mind?" One morning I walked to church with him. In many circumstances I manifested feelings of kindness towards him. It would be a lie for me to say I had warm friendship for Mr. Beecher, and that I felt as kindly to him as if the offense had not been committed. If I had been a man morally great, I would have buried it out and trodden it under foot. I was competent to forgive in a large degree. I forgave him in my best moods, but in other times I did not. I am not a very large man.

In reply to an inquiry whether Mrs. Woodhull came frequently to the house, and whether his wife did not protest against her presence there, witness said Mrs. Woodhull was three times at his house; once to meet Mr. Beecher. Mr. Moulton made that interview. It must have been in 1871 or 1872. Mrs. Woodhull and her husband came. Witness' wife expressed indignation against the woman. He told her Mrs. Woodhull was too dangerous a woman, and that too much of the welfare of the family depended on her. He told his wife the way to get along with her and prevent this enmity from spreading was to keep friendly with her. It was a fatal policy, but then it seemed the only thing they could do. The mistake was in not having friendly with Mrs. Woodhull, instead of Mrs. Woodhull. That was the blunder. His wife always felt that it was the policy, was a mistaken one, of trying to do anything with Mrs. Woodhull. She objected violently to his writing the sketch of Mrs. Woodhull. Read a part of it to her. Mrs. Woodhull's husband wrote a biography and wanted witness to write it because his style was more vivid. Witness' wife said she thought he would rue the day. She was far wiser than he was.

Q. When you say that in December, 1870, differences arose between Theodore Tilton and Henry C. Bowen, which were augmented by the Rev. H. W. Beecher and Mrs. Beecher, did those differences arise and at the wish of Mrs. Elizabeth R. Tilton, expressed in writing in a paper put into the hands of Mr. Bowen by your wife? Do you say that it was in consequence of that difficulty being augmented that Mr. Beecher that this letter was written or this writing was made.

A. Elizabeth saw that Mr. Bowen and I were in collision. She was afraid that collision would extend to Mr. Beecher and me, and she wished me, if possible, to make peace with him. That peace could be brought about only by his knowing what I knew of his relations with Mr. Tilton. Therefore she wrote a woman's letter to him. I do not remember the phraseology. I remember only one phrase; it was peculiarly hers. She said she "loved her husband with her maiden faith." Mr. Moulton will probably recall the whole phraseology.

Q. What was the substance of the letter?

A. The substance of the letter I do not recall. The letter was stolen from me. Whether she has it or not, I do not know. The object of the letter was to make peace. She felt that if Mr. Beecher and I could be reconciled, she herself and I would be more reconciled. There was a sort of mountain of clouds overcoming us.

Q. Who had reported to her the fact that your difficulty was being augmented by Mr. and Mrs. Beecher?

A. I do not know. She reported it to me. It was through her that I learned that Mrs. Beecher was interfering with my affairs. It was through Mrs. Tilton that I learned of Mrs. Beecher's antagonism to me. I do not think Mr. Beecher was so largely involved in it as his wife was.

Q. Had you known of Mrs. Beecher's interference with your affairs prior to that?

A. I cannot say with my affairs—not with my business affairs—but with my domestic affairs. As I recollect, Elizabeth went sometimes to the Health Life, and Mrs. Beecher came there and saw her one day.

Q. What date was that?

A. I do not know. Mrs. Beecher, through Mrs. Morse, got the idea that I was Mr. Beecher's enemy. Therefore Mrs. Beecher was very violently my enemy. Mrs. Beecher being my enemy, and feeling that I was now on a battle against her husband, sought to make an alliance with Elizabeth, and, as I understand, wanted Elizabeth to go away from me and part company, and she said she would not do it, the trouble having hinged on the fact that Elizabeth had been to see Mrs. Morse and confessed, but had not told Mr. Beecher that she had done so. I said there was only one way out of the difficulty, and that was that Mr. Beecher had know it.

Witness was asked if he had his wife's letter with him. He said no. He was perfectly willing to carry them before any judge or in the presence of some one particular, but would refuse to hand them to the Committee alone. They were as genuine documents as could be produced, if possible, not to find the facts, but to vindicate Mr. Beecher, and if he should hand over Mr. Beecher's apology perhaps they would not return it to him. Though he did not mean to make any implication, he did not mean to give them a chance. The Committee and counsel protested against the implication.

To the question as to his wife's devotion and purity of life, witness said she was pure, unless a human being is capable of falling on word purity. She was not to blame. She sought consolation of her pastor and by took advantage of her orthodox views to make them the net and mesh in which he ensnared her, and for which witness held him in a contempt which no words could describe.

Q. Was not she (Mrs. Tilton) distressed at any suggestion of impropriety?

A. She was particularly so, and she is more so now than ever, because in her earlier days such a thought was never in her mind; but when it had passed through her experience it came out with this contrition. That is the truth of the case. She never ought to have been taken away from her home. You, gentlemen, did it. You did it Mr. Tracy. Thou art the man.

Q. When did you first bring your wife's attention to the fact that you had found there was something wrong in Mr. Beecher's conduct?

A. It must have been during the early years we lived in our present house, about 1862. Never spoke of it afterwards, because Elizabeth indicated not idea of wrong at the time. I was very young and utterly unsuspicious. When I spoke to her about it, she was a little confused and denied it. Afterwards she said it was so, but that she said, "you must not do that." My reverence of Mr. Beecher prevented me from speaking to him about it, or to any one else. Mr. Beecher and Mrs. Tilton were setting on the floor with their pictures. Don't remember whether I was sitting with them or not, it was so long ago. The improper caress I saw with my own eyes. Mr. Beecher did not look at me first. He did not know I noticed it. She may have been setting on a stool; he on the floor.

Q. Were you where he could see you?

A. He was looking at the pictures.

Q. If he had looked up, could he have seen you?

A. Yes.

Q. What part of her person did he touch?

A. Her ankles and lower limbs.

Q. Not above the knee?

A. No.

Q. Was it done slyly?

A. Yes; very slyly, with his right or left under her dress. My impression is that it was by the accidental thrusting up of her dress that I saw his hand on her ankle.

Q. You were in doubt whether the gesture was intentional or accidental?

A. It was merely a suspicion.

The Committee then proceeded to examine Mr. Tilton about the bed room scene. He did not know the year. It was a good while ago—before the Ashe scene and while they were living on Livingston street. He remembered the room. It was the left hand room on the second story. I knocked at the door, Elizabeth came. I was surprised that the door was locked. She was surprised at finding Mr. Beecher was sitting in a red plush rocking chair with his vest unbuttoned. His face colored when I saw him. I saw him.

Q. The explanation was satisfactory to you on that occasion?

A. Entirely so. I should have thought nothing of it had I not wondered at the door being locked. Elizabeth at the door, Elizabeth came. I was surprised that the door was locked. She was surprised at finding Mr. Beecher was sitting in a red plush rocking chair with his vest unbuttoned. His face colored when I saw him. I saw him.

Q. The explanation was satisfactory to you

The Commercial.

MONDAY, JULY 27, 1874.

A CABINET meeting will probably be held at Long Branch, this week.

THE next nearest political duty of the people of this country is to repudiate the repudiationists.

EX-SENATOR POMEROY, of Kansas, is to be brought to trial to-day. He should have a fair field and no favor.

IT is begins also to look as though the Democratic color-bearer in Ohio, would have to carry the banner of repudiation.

JUST at present there are more stubbed political thumbs out, feeling for the public pulse, than was ever before known in the history of the nation.

WE SUSPECT that, after all, the devil is still more fool than knave. The indications now are that the repudiation plank of the Indiana Democracy will cost them dearly.

ONE of the Rourbon papers out West is dabbling extensively in the political poetry business. The writer takes lines of equal or unequal length, tacks on rhymes at the end, and fills out the body with malignant imbecility.

THE Washington *Star* thinks it is "singular" how many members of Congress reconsider their determination not to become candidates for re-election. Does our contemporary happen to recollect the reason why JACK wouldn't eat his supper?

WE ARE glad to be able to state that Commissioner DOUGLASS, of the Internal Revenue Department, emphatically denies that he intends resigning his position. He is one of the most capable, efficient and incorruptible officials in the public service.

THE fire-eating editor of the Mobile *Register* wants the "race issue" in the Southern States pushed to the last extremity. He says: "It is forced upon the white man. He is driven to the wall on it. A cornered rat will fight in self-defense." And now we know in what category to include him.

IT IS the invariable custom of the French, whenever anything goes wrong, to abuse the chief of the State, and it is the invariable custom of the opposition in this country, under similar circumstances, to assail the Republican party. Just now an attempt is being made to lay the responsibility of this BEECHER-TILTON scandal at its doors.

THESE Democratic calculations are "peculiar." They not only count their chickens before they are hatched, but they count them without any eggs. They are now actually talking about carrying Pennsylvania and Massachusetts in the next elections—and, indeed, there is just as much likelihood that they will succeed in one State as in the other.

FRIDAY'S Chicago *Inter-Ocean* contains twelve supplementary sheets, comprising ninety-six full pages of six columns each, or about two hundred and eighty-four superficial feet of printed matter, devoted exclusively to the publication of the delinquent city and county tax lists. It is probably the largest single issue of any newspaper ever published, as it is certainly the most unsatisfactory in character and contents.

THE great sensation in Virginia, at present, is the recent discovery of immense deposits of iron ore in Madison county, which promise a yield of from sixty to seventy per cent. of iron of the best quality. A mine is now being worked in a small way, which is turning out about six hundred tons of ore per week, that will yield fully sixty per cent. of iron. Work will be increased in a few days, and several thousand tons a week will be sent to the foundries at Richmond and Alexandria.

IN THE Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia on Saturday, Judge ALLISON rendered a decision of great interest to that large portion of the community living in rented houses. In the case at issue, the collector of delinquent taxes had, through one of his deputies, levied upon the household goods of a tenant for city taxes assessed on the property occupied. The matter was taken into court, and Judge ALLISON ruled that the goods of a tenant cannot be sold for delinquent taxes due by the owner of the house.

A WELL-INFORMED correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial*, writing from Georgia, predicts that if President GRANT should veto the civil rights bill in the event of its becoming a law, the Southern whites would support him for a third term "with a unanimity not seen since the days of Washington." This may possibly be true; but in the first place we do not believe that he would have the hardihood thus to fly deliberately in the face of the moral sentiment of the country, and in the next place it is absolutely certain that if he should do so and obtain a renomination in consequence, he will be the deadest cock in the pit that the Presidential arena has ever known.

SPEAKING of the various "reforms" which the new Democratic Legislature of Connecticut has inaugurated, the Boston *Post* observes that "there is an entire absence of partisanship and political scheming" in them; the veracious value of which asseveration may be inferred from the fact that only last week that body framed a new charter for the city of New Haven, which turns out of office fifty-six city officials, makes partisan boards of the commissions, and fastens the whole thing on the people without giving them a chance to vote on it, although a petition for its submission, signed by nine hundred voters, was presented by one of the New Haven Representatives. What does the *Post* expect to gain by discoloring the plain truth in such a way?

THE most striking fact in the British Board of Trade returns for the first half of the present year, which have just been published, is the condition of trade between that country and our own, showing, as they do, exports of only 170,846 tons of iron and steel, against 311,431 tons during the same time last year, and a value of scarcely more than three millions. The Boston *Advertiser* truly says that the decline is as remarkable as the growth of the English iron trade has been. But this is only one out of many articles. In all textile fabrics we have increased our purchases of silk alone. The decline in the value of woollen and worsted manufactures, including carpets, exported to this country in the past six months as compared with 1873, is over £900,000, or more than twenty-five per cent.

THE last number of the *National Era*, owned and edited by FREDERICK DOUGLASS and his sons, has the true political vision. It strenuously urges that the work of the Republican party is not completed, and that that party alone can properly enforce the Fourteenth amendment. It points to the record in showing that, in the end, all promises have been fulfilled, and each right secured. It says that the civil rights issue is between the two great parties, one of which has always favored legal equality, while the other has opposed it. It declares that Democratic votes from colored men are idiotic, and closes by saying: "There is no room for a third party. The Republican party must triumph this fall, and we trust the colored men will not form any combination, because of which encouragement and success may come to the Democratic party."

ASSUMING that 3.3c. is the lowest average price at which our mills can sell good iron without loss, the *Iron Age* insists that that price should, by mutual consent, be adopted as the minimum at which they will sell. If all the iron that has been rolled since the panic, speaking generally, has gone into consumption, it proves the existence of a steady demand which certainly justifies the mills in making an effort to get at least cost for the iron they sell, and the *Age* believes that to accomplish this the easiest—and, indeed, the only—way is to make no iron except upon orders, and to take no orders at prices which will not cover cost. The advance which the course suggested would inevitably bring about, would, that paper believes, do more than anything else to stimulate the demand and advance prices still further, and in a very short time the mills would be making a moderate and legitimate profit. A rising market, however slowly it may rise, is always certain to insure a good business, while such a market as the present ruins those who sell and frightens those who buy. If there ever existed a necessity for slaughtering the prices of manufactured iron, the *Age* considers that it exists no longer, and it has no hesitation in saying that the commercial outlook fully warrants manufacturers in taking a firm stand for cost, if not for a profit.

BEECHER-TILTON INVESTIGATION.

Though nominally a committee is investigating the TILTON-BEECHER scandal, the public is the actual tribunal before which the case is being tried. Whatever the decision of the Committee may be, the latter court, will undoubtedly make out a verdict of its own, which may or may not agree with the verdict of the Committee. Possibly it would have been better if from the beginning of the trial, all documents and all statements of witnesses had been submitted to the public. Since so much matter pertaining to the case has been published, the rest might as well have been published, thus preventing one sided and imperfect views and conclusions. Published in fragments and often in the form of second hand or ill remembered reports, the pieces of the case are not laid before the tribunal of the public in the manner most favorable to their intelligent consideration. In fact, the trial as thus far conducted in the newspapers strikingly illustrates by contrast the wisdom of our English and American mode of trial by jury, with its traditional order of proceeding. Efforts are apparently made to distract the attention of the court by the obtrusion of irrelevant matter, while efforts not less assiduous are made to excite prejudices against one or other of the parties concerned in the case. In a court of law both these objectionable modes of disturbance are carefully avoided. The object of the trial being to get at the truth, both the bench and the bar see to it that statements not bearing on the case are excluded, and that mischievous prejudices are kept in abeyance. The case under trial is not permitted to be used as the basis or groundwork either of narratives or of discussions merely incended to amuse or entertain the jury, or cause them to regard the plaintiff or defendant with contempt. In the TILTON-BEECHER trouble, as treated in newspapers, all these and other irregularities are practised and cheerfully tolerated. Thus, two or three reporters represent Mr. BEECHER as "jovial" amidst his afflictions. The reporters did not pretend to have seen him; they only repeated what they had been told. No doubt, some member of the Plymouth church, fancying "joviality" under the circumstances a sign of innocence, boldly ascribed it to the much harassed divine, failing to reflect that, however conscious of innocence, a minister of the gospel placed in Mr. BEECHERS present position could not afford to be either "jovial" or jolly. Thinking of the inevitable and wide-reaching evil of the scandal, apart from the immediate sorrow and shame of it, he can not help feeling his connection with it as a great calamity. So, also, it would seem that excessive liberties are taken with Mr. TILTON. It is possible that he indulges in the wild, reckless strain of remark imputed to him, but it is, we confess, difficult to believe anything of the sort. Oppression sometimes does make even a wise man mad, and perhaps no oppression is more likely to have such an effect than the frightful wrong and injustice which TILTON claims to have suffered. But the man who drew up the affidavit of a few days ago was evidently still in full command of all his faculties, and nothing has since happened to change his condition. It is therefore the part of sense and justice to accept his own assertion that he has been grossly misrepresented by some who have professed to report his statements and remarks. In particular, it is impossible not to read with considerable suspicion sweeping denunciations of the church and the clergy put into his mouth. TILTON'S real opinions may be expressed in such remarks, but when they appear to have been reported by counsel for the defense, they remind disinterested readers how effective they may be just now in stirring or confirming popular prejudices against the man who avows them.

Another irregularity in the newspaper presentation of the subject is the disregard of dates unfavorable to a satisfactory view of the real import of alleged facts. TILTON may recently have held and taught what are called free love doctrines, though he denies the charge. In fairness, however, it ought to be remembered that a very few years ago, indeed at the time of the MOULTON negotiations between BEECHER and TILTON, the latter held no opinions on social subjects which could retain such a serious cause of alienation or distrust on the part of the Plymouth pastor. People cannot help remembering Mr. BEECHER'S letter not yet impeached, in which he said to Mr. MOULTON:

"Would to God, who orders all hearts, that by his own mediation Theodore, Elizabeth and I could be made friends again. Theodore will have the hardest task in such a case; but has he not proved himself capable of the noblest things?"

Having, amidst many of those letters we may say that all arguments, statements testimonies and what not relating to the case cannot but seem irrelevant and useless as regards the vindication of Mr. BEECHER, so long as certain passages from his letters quoted in the affidavit shall remain unaccounted for by any adequate explanation. As they stand in the TILTON statement they entirely agree with and confirm the main allegation of crime, and as we write, no word has yet been published which serves to account for the intense feeling, the mortification and remorsethey disclose on any other ground.

"I will not plead for myself. I even wish that I were dead; but others must live to suffer. I will die before any but myself shall be inculpated. All my thoughts are running toward my friends, and toward the poor child lying there and praying with her folded hands. She is ghastly, sinless, and sublime, bearing the transgressions of another. Her forgiveness I have. I humbly pray to God to put it into the heart of her husband to forgive me."

Again, of Mr. MOULTON, Mr. BEECHER says: "His hand it was that tied up the storm that was ready to burst on our heads," and speaks of "this terrible emergency of my life." It is surely idle to pretend that the offence referred to in such passages had been merely injudicious advice to Mrs. TILTON regarding her husband. So, also, when Mrs. TILTON prays that her "dear husband may never have the experience of being misled by a good woman as she was misled by a good man," and says: "I would mourn greatly if my life was made known to my father; his head would be bowed indeed to the grave!" it is an insult to common sense to account for such language as expressing sorrow for a purely sentimental sin.

Probably the most valuable human remains in the United States just now are those of William Jennings, whose funeral took place ninety-nine years ago in Nottaway county, Virginia. As has been the case with many a greater man's grave, the particular mound under which Mister, or Major, or Colonel Jennings (for he was a British officer) reposes, long since passed from the memory of the oldest inhabitant, even the fact that he was burried in his awe-inspiring regimentals not serving to keep in mind the exact spot where he was laid away in the old burying ground. now, after all these ninety-nine years, the bones of—say Colonel—Jennings are needed to prove that he was actually buried in Nottaway county, and that he was like Jennings who was an officer in His Majesty's service. A fortune of eighty million dollars, in England, is said to be involved in the finding and identification of his remains, and a search was burried with him is to be relied upon as evidence of his identity. Many graves have been opened in the gloomy old cemetery, but no rusty sword has appeared to the searchers, and the eighty millions may go to the wrong heir in spite of all the stir that has been made among the early settlers, who, perhaps, would have built a lasting monument to Jennings if they had known that they were to be disturbed after sleeping peacefully for so many years. Most of the fortunes in England that we hear of as about to fall to somebody are not trammeled by a demnition body, but they are often quite as far from the expectant heirs as these Jennings millions are from the persons who may be waiting to hear from the entomed sword.

THE statistics of the income tax in Italy make curious revelations of the smallness of incomes in that country, especially in some of the professions. The aggregate of taxable income is less than $95,000,000 for the Peninsula and Sicily, divided between 631,582 persons. There are but 1,267 lawyers who have a taxable income of $250, and but 300 who derive $400 a year from their profession. Some 570 physicians have an income of $250, and all but 78 of these are under $400. There are 62 hotels and boarding places and 75,000 *cafes*; yet, according to the returns, out of these two classes there are but 250 which yield their proprietors an income of $400 per annum. These are comparatively speaking the better class of people—those whose incomes are $250 and over—and one would wonder how the remainder of the people managed to exist, if we did not remember that Italy is the place where a palace can be hired for a song, where neither shelter nor clothing are much needed, and where fruit can be had for the picking.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

Perhaps the worst of all human passions is jealousy.

We all abhor our sins when another commits them.

The bluff game, however good at times, will not always win.

There is nothing in all the world so hard to regain as lost character.

All roads out of the Republican party lead into the Democratic camp.

The commerce of the Pacific side is running more and more into steam vessels.

The Butternuts have put on their clothes again, and all the Copperheads are hissing.

If fealty to the government involves allegiance to its flag, how loyal is Georgia?

England is to be pit-ied. The small-pox has broken out in an epidemic form, there.

Now does the chill bright Autumn begin to press hard upon the fleeting summer.

At present the weight of feeling throughout the whole country is somewhat against Beecher.

That Beecher's good name involves the destiny of Christianity in any of its phases is altogether absurd.

Boston has given between six and seven thousand of its poor juveniles a day of recreation. Pittsburgh?

Virtue is a thing apart from all excitement, and there can be none of it where there is not a pure life.

The largest screw steamer on the lakes, the "Persian," 1861 tons, has just been launched at Cleveland.

The lower depth. The New York *Sun* has gone to defending Jere. Black and Buchanan's administration.

For so prompt a fighter, General Hooker is quite backward in responding to General Butler's defiant challenge.

The sticky steaminess in the atmosphere, yesterday, was perfectly unendurable, sickening and life-wearying.

There was never so much building going on in Indianapolis, as this season, rapidly as it has grown within the last five years.

Encouraging. At no time since the outbreak of the war has the mercantile indebtedness of the country been so small as now.

Those who would inaugurate a war of races, by seeking to organize upon the "color line," are enemies of all, both white and black.

Remember that the personally criminal will often be more unmerciful in their strictures on other people than the pure and innocent.

Everywhere steam canal transportation is coming in vogue, and the dejected Rosinante of the towpath will soon be known only to recollection.

The national insanity. A Boston firm has just contracted with a Maine manufacturer for one hundred gross of ash and poplar base ball bats.

To read the opposition newspapers would be likely to impress a foreigner with the conviction that the Republic was in the last throes of dissolution.

The body, political or religious, that is too weak or too cowardly to endure the surgery of corrupt members, is nearly ready for the undertaker.

Significant. During the time the crusaders of Franklin, Ohio, were "resting from their labors," the number of saloons increased from one to nine.

Perhaps one may, by the processes of brooding and nursing, come to regard as fact that which orginally had no existence, save in his own imagination.

The shipments of bulk grain to Europe from St. Louis now average one hundred thousand bushels a week, and the movement apparently steadily gains strength.

In Missouri, after the first day of January, 1876, every person, in order to become a voter, must be able to read and write. That will materially reduce the Bourbon vote.

A delicate sense of honor leads us to respect the sanctities of the tomb. Hence the "preaching and personality" column of the St. Louis *Journal* is safe, so far as we are concerned.

If Beecher passes through this test unscathed, he will come out stronger than ever in the estimation of that vast public which has habitually loaded him with its admiration and confidence.

Charleston, South Carolina, is rejoicing over the sailing, last week, of a bark load of cotton, valued at $136,160, being the first entire cargo cleared from that port for France in midsummer for many years.

Opposition papers affirm that Lieutenant Governor Brogden, who succeeds to the Governorship of North Carolina, elected on the Republican ticket, is a Democrat. It should be, "*was* a Democrat."

A new rogue's paradise. A California newspaper chronicles the fact that a defaulting county treasurer from that State has "turned up" in one of the Fiji Islands, where he has a plantation and a flock of native wives.

PERSONAL.

It has come out that one of Mr. Beecher's letters, from which Mr. Tilton extracts a few lines, is over a column long.

State Treasurer Raines, of New York, has nearly recovered his health, and expects to leave the Utica Asylum in a few days. He intends to pass several weeks at his home, and to return to his official duties in September.

The newest touch in sentimental suicide is that of a susceptible young Frenchman, who, seeing the dead body of a very beautiful woman displayed at the Paris Morgue, went and killed himself. He wrote a letter stating that he committed the act in order to have his cadaver put on the next slab to hers. What a double-distilled fool.

M. D. Conway writes from London that "America is soon to have a visitor besides the comedian Mr. J. Toole worthy of honor. The Rev. George Dawson, as I am informed, sails in August for the United States, probably with the intention of giving them some of the lectures with which he has for so many years delighted British audiences."

The daughter of a very famous Greek bandit, who has acquired such a large fortune that he has retired from business, has been sent to London to finish her education; and, that process having been completed, she is now to be brought out as the Princess Petko. The young lady is very handsome, and as she is the heiress of her very rich father, perhaps she may marry one of England's poor nobles.

They have had a social scandal of the first magnitude in London, too. The Marquis of Bute (Disraeli's "Lothair"), after neglecting his young wife shamefully, had finished by seducing her maid; the injured marchioness had taken refuge with her father; the Howards and Norfolks were all by the ears; Monsignor Capel was in Rome, trying to secure a brief from the pope annulling the marriage, etc., etc. The ugly story, after circulating for months through the clubs and society, turns out to be fiction from whole cloth, without the first shred of truth in its texture.

There is something rather romantic in Mr. Van Meter's account of recent Bible-printing done under his auspices at Rome. He says: The first lot of Testaments printed by the Protestants in Rome—10,000 in number—were paid for by the children of the Sabbath schools of this country. They were printed in Nero's garden where the early Christian martyrs were burned to death in their shirts of tar, right near to the Vatican and St. Peter's Church. Looking from the windows of his residence, the Vatican, the Pope can see the work of the press printing the Bibles which are overthrowing his sway.

George Knorr, the veteran American editor of ship news, so long and favorably known during his employment in that capacity in the office of the *North American and United States Gazette*, of Philadelphia, died in that city on the morning of the 23d instant at the age of eighty-one years. He entered the office of the *Gazette of the United States* in 1802, and continued without interruption in one or other of the various journals that were successively merged in the present one down to the time of his death, and during all that period labored industriously at his calling with a rare fidelity, intelligence and devotion.

OHIO NEWS.

Some unsanctified scoundrels entered the city cemetery at Mansfield, last Monday night, destroyed some ornaments over the graves, carried away and upset vases, and did other damage. The next night the Roman Catholic cemetery was entered, and marble monuments broken in pieces.

The Marietta *Times* of the 16th says: Mr. John Springer, of Belpreville, this county, is 103 years old, and, strange to say, can read without using spectacles, and is able, to do about one-third of an ordinary day's work on a farm. The gentleman who gave us the information concerning him says that the old man can jump up and strike his heels 5 times.

On Saturday morning, at Anna Station, Ohio, Mrs. Bergmann and daughter, who live near Anna Station, prepared lunch for harvest hands and took it to the field. While eating lunch, the horses attached to the reaper frightened and started toward the group, catching the two ladies in the reaper, killing Mrs. Bergmann and injuring the daughter so seriously that there are no hopes of her recovery.

A NICE DISH OF GOSSIP.

Theodore Tilton Charged with Whipping His Wife—Cause of His Dismissal from the Editorial Chair of the "Independent."

The editor of the Williamsport *Gazette and Bulletin* was at one time editor in charge of the *Daily Democrat*, Brick Pomeroy's short-lived New York venture. From his pen we now get the following, touching parties to the "greatest of modern scandals:"

In his "statement," Mr. Theodore Tilton lays great stress upon the peace and happiness that he says reigned in his home. It is well enough for Tilton to say this, and if it is believed it will be a point against Beecher, who has been accused of destroying that home. Nevertheless, there are some facts that may just as well be known, and which at this time are fairly interesting. In the winter of 1871, when the writer of this was the managing editor of a New York morning journal, the scandal which has since become so famous was hinted at, and finally much of it got into the papers. In addition to that at present occupying public attention was much gossip about Theodore Tilton and his conduct toward certain lady contributors for the *Independent*, which led to his dismissal from the editorship of that paper. Mrs. Tilton having then, as now, been brought conspicuously into the scandal, a reporter connected with the paper in question was sent to interview her, and to secure, if possible, some intelligence that could be depended upon. The lady was found, and while declining an interview, stated to the reporter that she experienced great difficulty in living at all with Mr. Tilton. She could not do it amicably. He was at times so harsh and cruel. When further pressed regarding the rumors of the relations between herself and Mr. Beecher, she begged that the reporter would say nothing. She became considerably excited, and said that when any story was printed, Mr. Tilton went home, charged her with instigating it, and invariably whipped her! These are facts which can be sworn to. It is pretty evident everything was not so very serene and peaceful in Mr. Tilton's home as he has represented.

STATE NEWS.

Hay is selling at $7 00 and $8 00 per ton in Warren.

The Catholics of Northern Reading are going to build a new church.

During the week ending on the 21st inst., there were fifteen deaths in Reading.

Unhappy Mercer county! It hasn't a single Grange of Patrons of Husbandry.

Porcelain clay is said to have been discovered in Nippenose township, Lycoming county.

A railroad to connect Brownsville with the Southwest Pennsylvania Railway is talked of.

Nathan Bloch, a peddler, died suddenly in his wagon, on the road near Danville, recently.

John Scholter was found dead in his bed at Pottstown, on the 22d. He was seventy years old.

And now Reading has another fowl curiosity—a chicken with four legs, three eyes and four wings.

A miner named Wriner was killed by a fall of coal at the Sterling mines, near Houtzdale, on the 22d inst.

W. L. Geary, the late Governor's son, a recent graduate of West Point, has been assigned to the Twenty-first Infantry.

The business of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad for the month of June shows a net gain of $110,645 over June, 1873.

A convention of innocents is to be held at Greenfield, August 18, to devise means to prevent overstocking the market for square timber.

The Coke Works at Coketown, near Blairsville, have shut down for three months. Many persons are thereby thrown out of employment.

The liabilities of Henry Rohrer, the decamped Harrisburg shoe merchant, are said to be about $15,000. All his creditors are warers, just now.

Miss Shepherd, of St. Clair Mills, Indiana county, sought to leave the earthly flock by taking a dose of arsenic, but took too much, and is not yet dead.

The Norristown Fish Association will pay $5 00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person found violating the fish laws.

Two boys jumped from the roof of the bridge at Pottstown into the Schuylkill river, a distance of seventy feet, the other day, and came out swimming and unhurt.

Somnambulistic accidents are becoming numerous. Monroe Henry, of Montgomery county, walked out of a second-story window, Sunday night, and was killed.

Henry Orr, of Philadelphia, carried a bottle of benzine and some matches in the same pocket. There was an explosion, Henry's clothes ignited, and he was fatally burned.

John Grinnells, a resident of Greenwood township, Crawford county, died recently in the ninety-third year of his age. He was one of the earliest settlers of that township.

A rural justice visited Somerset, the other day, to attend the circus, and became so infatuated with the genial three-card-monte man that he made him a present of $150 in greenbacks.

The Philadelphia *Record* says: "Rev. Father Keenan, of Lancaster, has attained his ninety-sixth year, and is certainly the oldest priest in America, and perhaps in the world."

Mr. George Knorr, a printer by trade, and for the past forty years ship-news editor of the Philadelphia *North American*, died in that city on the 23d inst., of paralysis, aged eighty-three years.

The wife of Hon. John Dean, President Judge of his district, died at Hollidaysburg, on the 23d inst., of heart disease. She was an estimable lady, whose death will be mourned by a large circle of friends.

The annual fall meeting of the Wilkesbarre Lee Park Driving Association has been fixed for the 19th, 20th and 21st of August. The purses amount to six hundred dollars, the highest ever offered at this park.

Scranton don't appreciate newspaper enterprise, and the *Daily Times* has been reduced in size. The *Republican* says the patronage bestowed upon the press by the citizens of the place is not to begin to justify the expenditures of the publishers.

On the 11th of July Mr. David R. Shadel of Reading, trod upon a rusty nail, which penetrated and passed nearly through his foot. His wound, though painful, was apparently healing, until the 17th inst., when it became worse, and on the 23d inst. he died of lockjaw.

John Leedom, of Davisville, aged seventy-six years, is the champion worker of Bucks county. In a day and a half he removed three and a half acres of grass with a scythe. He then prepared it for the mow in the same length of time.

Mr. Will A. Sands, of Titusville, formerly of this city, will soon desert journalism for the stage. He always had a leaning that way; and as he is a young gentleman of decided talent, will undoubtedly win name, fame and fortune in his new career.

Sarah Wolfram, of Jackson township, York county, Pa., is anxious to hear of the whereabouts of her husband, Jonathan Wolfram, who wandered away from his family in Columbia, Pa., about one year ago. The whole family, and especially one of the children, is deeply distressed at the absence of the head of the family. Information addressed to Sarah Wolfram, York, Pa., will be gratefully received.

Reading claims the smallest two dwelling houses in the State. They are one story high, about seven feet front, nine feet deep, and about eight feet from the ground to the top of the roof. The fronts are regularly weatherboarded, the windows and doors finished in the customary manner, and the front of the roofs has a regular offset the same as the most modern built dwelling. Each house has one front door and one window. In size they resemble two large dry goods boxes. They rent well.

It is now rumored that there are strong reasons to believe that Dr. Wallace, whose lifeless body was found below the railroad bridge, at Coatesville, a few days ago, was the victim of foul play. It is said that he was known to have a gold watch and some money with him, which were missing when the body was found, and this fact is probably the main ground of suspicion. The matter is being fully investigated. Dr. Wallace had lived in Coatesville little more than a year, and formerly lived in Salisbury township, Chester county, where he was widely known and much respected.

The Brownsville *Clipper* says: "Stoup, the convicted murderer, who recently escaped from the Fayette county jail, it is reported, murdered the girl Glover, who testified against him on his last trial. The report came to this place on Monday of this week, but as to its truthfulness we cannot vouch. It would appear, however, to have some semblance of truth, as no reward was offered for his apprehension after his escape, and he has no doubt been prowling about his former home near which the tragedy occurred for which he was convicted. Whether true or false, however, we shall shortly know."

The Meadville *Republican* of the 21st inst. says: As a young man, named Walker, from Tidioute, was in the act of shooting a weasel on Sunday, five miles east of this place, the breech pin was blown from the gun by the force of the explosion, and striking Walker a little above the eyes near the center of the forehead, penetrated the skull and lodged in the brain. The brain protruded from the wound after the iron was removed, and, strange to say, the young man survived and retained his senses until last evening, since which time he has been unconscious, and when last heard from this morning appeared to be in a dying condition. His friends at Tidioute have been telegraphed for.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

SATURDAY EVENING, July 25, 1874.

The following is the telegraphic report of the condition of the New York banks at noon to-day:

	Differences.
Loans, decrease	$1,146,900
Specie, decrease	1,108,900
Legal tenders, decrease	1,861,100
Deposits, increase	1,326,200
Circulation, increase	20,100
Reserve, increase	20,075

The statement is a repetition of its predecessors, and shows money to be on the increase in the monetery centers. Our local markets reflects the same features of increased balances in the banks, and increased caution on the part of lenders.

While everybody is conscious that there is nothing doing in most departments of trade, that manufacturers are just holding their own, if they are succeeding in doing that, and merchants are carrying skimp stocks and selling close to shore yet everybody is predicting good times to come.

The wish is doubtless father to the thought, and has this basis of solid fact to rest on, that we are down to the "hard pan" and there is no chance for a change, except for the better.

We have made inquiry among men in a situation to know what is doing, for a report of the actual condition of trade, and of what their hopes are, and while there is, in many instances, an expressed belief in an early revival of trade—with reports of gratifying promptness in remittances from the West, and in some cases of even a larger volume of business than during the same period of last year—yet there are indications that this belief is not at all universal.

There certainly is encouragement in the probable great grain and cotton crop, especially if the foreign demand for the grain should be at remunerative prices.

But of the general feeling for liquidation, consequent upon the panic, should all heavily on that section, it may prove that the profit on products will not admit of large Eastern purchases.

Many manufacturers are running their works with as small a force as can be profitably employed and withal there is a disposition to reduce prices on their products. Some of our most conservative dealers in baking stock reduced the valuation of their merchandise by a large percentage from cost in order to place themselves in a position to meet any probable shrinkage in the autumn without apparent loss, thus indicating the conclusions drawn from the prospects as they see them.

—A great deal of interst mingled, perhaps, to some slight degree with angry feelings, has been manifested at the somewhat unexpected result of the late legislation in returning to National Banks in the interior their notes for redemption in legal tenders. Under the new law it is held that any National Bank may send to the Treasury Department at Washington the notes of any other National Bank in any part of the country, and that it is the duty of the Department to send the notes forward for redemption, the expenses to be paid by the Department and charged to the bank that issued the notes. It is said that several millions of dollars of National Bank notes have been already sent forward, and that the business is increasing so as to require almost the entire clerical force in the Banking Department at Washington.

This movement is said to originate almost exclusively in the banks in New York. But here is really no occasion for the feeling that as been manifested in reference to the matter y the interior banks. For a long time the bsence of machinery for effecting the reception of National Bank notes has been regarded as one of the most serious defects of the resent bank act. At some periods this caused he greatest inconvenience and financial disurbance, and it was always a source of inconenience. Under the artificial incenives afforded for the establishment of new anks, institutions would be established at oints where the local business requirements f the place really required no additional anking accommodations. But the notes ere nevertheless placed in circulation, and y a natural law they rapidly found their way o the great commercial centers where they remained. For years past the city banks have en loaded down, as it were, with currency hich they were forced to keep in circulation o the exclusion of their own notes. It is perectly natural that the city banks should now eel themselves to some extent of the means f relief afforded by the change in the law. But the transaction is purely a business one, nd the attempt to attribute to it an invidious haracter is contrary to the facts and sound olicy. All the banks are liable to the same rocess, and to all the same means of relief are fforded. If any appear to benefit by the operaon the fault should be attributed where it roperly belongs. Of course some of the interior banks must find it inconvenient to be uddenly called upon by the Bank Department at Washington to redeem its circulation n legal tenders. Banks unable to redeem romptly are compelled to dispose of the nited States bonds deposited with the Comptroller of the Currency, and thus retire their irculation.

It has been stated that one of the effects of his process, if continued, will be to induce contraction. But it is not likely to be continued on any extensive scale. In the first place, he present ease in the money market is not oing to continue much longer. All the exigency of the country will soon be required for he movement of the crops, and to supply the ants of the fall trade. The banks in New ork, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, and the arious commercial centers will soon find a etter and more profitable use for the notes f other banks that may come into heir possession than to lock them up idly in their vaults, or send them on to Washington for exchange for legal tenders. It is also to be remembered that apart from the ere banking consideration of the profits of irculation, National Bank notes are, if anything, intrinsically more valuable than legal enders. The former are secured by special eposits of United States bonds pledged for heir redemption. The latter are secured by nothing at all, but a mere act of Congress that may be changed at any moment under the ere influence of downright legislative stupidity, or at the extremes of party politics.

—The following table shows the prices of old, government bonds, railway stocks, &c., at the various sessions of the New York Stock Exchange during the day. urnished by the St. Clair Banking Company, No. 16 Sixth street:

July 25, 1874.	10:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:30 P. M.	1:30 P. M.	2:30 P. M.
old	109½	109¾	109¾	109¾	109¾
5's, 67's, 1881	116	116¼			
5's, 67's, 1881, coup	118¾	119			
5's, 1882	113	113			
5's, 1864	115¾	115¾			
5's, 1865	117	117			
5's, 1865, new	116½	116⅝			
5's, 1867	118	118			
5's, 1868	118	118			
6's, coupons	122½	122⅝			
10's, coupons	113	113¼			
Currency 6's	122	122½			
Registered, 1907	111¼	111¼			
Western Union Tel	72¾	72¾	72¾	72¾	72¾
Pacific Mail	42¾	43	43⅛	43⅛	43⅛
Adams Express	95	95		95	95
Wells-Fargo Express	74	74		74	
American Express	60¼	60¼		60¼	
United States Express	66	66		66	
New York Central	93½	93½	93½	93½	93½
Erie	32¾	32¾	32	31⅞	32¼
Michigan Central	93	93			
Lake Shore	71¾	71¾	71¾	71¾	71¾
Cleveland and Pittsburgh	93	93			
Chicago & Northwestern	27¾	27¾			27¾
Do preferred	64¾	64¾			64¾
Rock Island	98	98		98	98
St. Paul, common	35	35	35	35	35
Do preferred	90½	90½			90½
Fort Wayne	92¾	92¾		92¾	
Ohio and Mississippi	29	29			
Union Pacific	28¾	28¾	28¾		28¾
Chicago and Alton	102	102			102
Boston, Hartford & Erie	1¾	1¾		1¾	1¾
Erie pref	17	17			
C. & I. C	17	17			17
Panama					
Tennessee, old	77				
North Carolinas, April	17				
Do July	17				
Missouri 6's	99¼				

—The following is a report of the leading stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board at noon to-day. Furnished by Luther S. Kauffman, broker, 96 Fourth avenue:

	Bid.	Asked.
Pennsylvania Central	95¾	96
Pennsylvania scrip	102¾	103
Reading	42¾	42⅞
United Companies of N. Jersey	124	125
Mill Creek	60	
Lehigh Valley	69¾	
Allegheny Valley Railroad	81	
Central Transportation Company	45¾	45¾
Susquehanna Transportation Company	52	54
Philadelphia & Southern Mail Steamship Co	67¼	68
Quicksilver	¾	⅞
Mariposa old		

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	Puts. Below Market.	Calls. Above Market.
June 15, 1874	½@⅝	½@⅝
Gold, 30 days for $50	⅛@⅜	⅛@⅜
Gold, 60 days for $100	¼@½	¼@½
Western U. Telegraph	1½@2¼	2 @2¼
Pacific Mail	2 @2¼	2 @2¼
N. Y. Central & Hudson	2 @2¼	2 @2¼
Harlem	2½@3	3 @3¼
Erie	2½@3	3 @3⅝
Lake Shore	2 @2½	2½@3
Northwestern	2 @2½	2½@3
Rock Island	1½@2	2 @2½
M. & St. Paul	1½@2	2 @2½
Wabash	1½@2	2½@3
Ohio & Mississippi	1½@2	2 @2½
Union Pacific	1 @1½	2 @2½
Hannibal & St. Joseph	2 @2½	2½@3
C. C. & I. C	1½@2	2½@3

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GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, SATURDAY, July 25, 1874.

Saturday was a rather quiet day among the wholesale merchants, the trade being principally composed of small jobbing transactions, and filling light orders to supply the immediate wants of regular customers. The trade in country produce and fresh fruits and vegetables was fairly active. There was some activity in grain transactions. In other departments of the general market, there was only a moderate trade movement.

In speaking of the remarkable upward movement in provisions, as especially noticeable in meats, the Chicago *Tribune* says, on last Wednesday: "Prices here have advanced about $1. The opinion prevails that the market is considerably oversold for August delivery, and a good share of the stocks here is understood to be centered in strong hands. It is also reported that about 10,000 to 12,000 barrels have been purchased here for St. Louis parties, which will be delivered and forwarded to the market next month. This would leave the stock here about 15,000 barrels on which to speculate. The stocks in all the Western markets are considered light, and a good share of the speculative operations in this market have no doubt been made in the interest of outside speculators."

The comparative exports of provisions from November 1 to July 21, inclusive, to foreign countries, for three years are as follows:

	1873-74.	1872-73.	1871-72.
Pork, bbls	167,766	153,011	129,665
Beef, bbls and tierces	90,455	79,036	78,474
Lard, lbs	139,760,050	142,941,648	132,575,518
Bacon, lbs	210,727,009	270,362,933	177,263,905
Butter, lbs	2,203,228	4,863,586	3,633,584
Cheese, lbs	47,817,133	48,884,805	31,767,262
Tallow, lbs	47,628,722	41,627,676	45,617,454
Rye, 107 bags.			

The following quotations are rates realized in wholesale transactions, unless otherwise specified. On small sales, dealers charge an advance.

GRAIN, FLOUR AND FEED.

GRAIN.—The grain market was tolerably active to-day, the principal interest being in oats and corn. Wheat was weak, and we heard reports of sales as low as $1 for new red winter, but were not able to find anything authentic to substantiate it. We quote at $1 20 for red winter; old No. 1 do., $1 25; new white, $1 30; old do. $1 39@1 35. Ear corn is a little easier, 60@62c for shelled and 55@57½c for high-mixed and yellow. Oats are firm, although reported a shade off in Chicago; we quote at 42@43c for white and 40@42c for mixed. During the last two days there have been considerable transactions in new oats, sold to arrive; the market opened at 38@40c, but has advanced, and on Saturday closed at 42@43c for August delivery. We continue to steady at $1 05@1 08. We note the following sales in store:

1 car ear corn	53c
1 car ear corn	52c
2 cars shelled corn, high mixed	57c
2 cars shelled corn, high mixed	52c
2 cars new oats, to arrive	42c
2 cars new oats, to arrive	42½c
1 car new oats, to arrive	42c
2 cars new oats, to arrive	43c

The following comparison of the receipts of grain for the week, with those of the previous week, shows a very marked increase:

	Last week.	This week.
	Bushels.	Bushels.
Wheat	6,050	17,252
Corn	4,650	7,025
Barley		425
Rye		207
Oats	24,022	45,270
Total	34,722	68,759

FLOUR.—Receipts for the week, 9,725 barrels. We note sales of 100 barrels family flour at $7 00; 100 barrels bakers', part new wheat, at $6 00. The following are the prices current for the following quotations: St. Louis $9 50@10 50 ₱ bbl; white winter wheat $7 25@7 50; Minnesota spring wheat $7 00@7 25; Minnesota $6 75 per barrel winter, old $7 00@7 25, new do $5 50; rye flour $6 00, buckwheat flour $4 50@5 00, graham meal $5 50; oat meal $7 25@8 00 ₱ bbl. The wholesale prices of local millers are as follows: No. 1 white flour $6 50@7 00; No. 1 red winter wheat $7 00; No. 2 red wheat $7 00; in sacks 30c per bbl less.

HAY.—Supply free and prices easy. We quote prime baled hay at $25 00@25 00 on track; from store, $26 00@27 00. On the Allegheny market, hay sold on following rates: Timothy $27 00@28 00; No. 2, $24 00@25 00; common, $20@22 00.

MILL FEED.—The market is quiet and firm. Bran is quoted at $16@16 50; middlings are steady, at $18@19; coarse meal $17@18; chopped feed $17@18 ₱ ton.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

BUTTER.—The receipts are more liberal, and prices are a little lower at 20@22c for choice; medium 18@19c; common 10@12c. Receipts today 62 packages; for the week 161.

EGGS.—The market is steady. Prime white navy beans are quoted at $2 70@2 75; medium $2 40@2 50; fair to good $2 25@2 35.

BEANS.—We note 2 barrels yellow 31@35c; dark 27@30c ₱ lb. Demand light.

CHEESE.—Live spring 09@09½c; old 70@75c ₱ pair, as to size. Market good.

CHEESE.—The market is fairly active, and prices are steady at 12½@13c for prime Ohio factory. Receipts for the week 2,351 boxes.

EGGS.—Receipts continue free, 53 bbls. having arrived to-day. We quote at 18c ₱ dozen.

FEATHERS.—Are quoted as follows: No. 1, ₱ lb, 68@75c.; No. 2, ₱ lb, 40@50c as to quality.

HOPS.—The market is very dull, with little trade of any sort. We quote growth of 1872 at 25@30c ₱ lb; old stock 10@15c ₱ lb.

HONEY.—Clover 35c ₱ lb; buckwheat blossom 25c ₱ lb.

ONIONS.—Bermudas $2 50@2 75 ₱ bbl.

TIMOTHY SEED.—Trade is reported active at $2 50 ₱ bushel for choice.

POTATOES.—The market is steady. We quote choice potatoes at $1 50 ₱ barrel; small potatoes $1 50@1 60.

FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

APPLES.—Are in fair supply and the market is moderately active at $2 00@3 00 as to quality.

BLACKBERRIES.—There is a free supply, and the market is active at 12½@15c for choice; ₱ stand $6 00.

PEACHES.—There is a liberal supply. We quote at $2 00@3 00 ₱ bushel, as to quality and condition.

PLUMS.—We quote at $3 00 ₱ box. Supply light, and not very much doing.

WATERMELONS.—The market is becoming more active at all $2@$4 00 ₱ bucket.

WATERMELONS.—The supply of watermelons is free at $25 00@35 00 ₱ car load, and retailing at $12 00@15 00 ₱ hundred.

VEGETABLES.—The market is abundantly supplied and trade is active. We quote cabbages at $2 50@3 00 ₱ bbl; tomatoes $1 50@2 00 ₱ bushel; beets $1 00@1 25 ₱ bbl; onions $4 00@6 00 ₱ bbl; green peas $3 00@4 00 ₱ bbl; new potatoes $2 50@3 00 ₱ bbl. Under the influence of the favorable weather for the production of garden stuff, prices tend downward.

GROCERIES.

The market for wholesale groceries continues active and firm, at unchanged prices. We quote as follows:

Green Coffees.	₱ lb.	*Spices.*	₱ lb.
Fancy	20½c	Fancy	68@70
Choice	19½c	Choice	65@68
Prime	18 c	Strictly choice No 0	60@62
Good	17 c	Good	58@60
Fair	16 c	Prime	55@57
Roasted Coffees.		*Molasses.*	₱ gall.
Rio, in papers	25	Demerara	55@70
Loose	28@30c	*Syrups.*	
Roasted Java	40 c	Ex. white drips	67½c
Sugars.		Sugar drips	62½c
Standard A	10¾c	Lower grades	45@50c
Standard B	10¾c	Sorghum	75
Standard extra C	10¾c	Choice Carolina	90@95c
Standard yellow C	10¼c	Patna	80@85c
Prime yellow C	9¾c	Rangoon	65@70c
American extra C	9¼c	*Raisins.*	
Teas.		Layers, ₱ box	$3 25
Young Hyson	50@80c	Loose, ₱ lb	12@14c
Gunpowder	50@75c	Currants	7½@8c
Imperial	35@45c	Prunes	13½@14c
Japan	35@45c		

PROVISIONS.

BACON AND PROVISIONS.—The receipts this week are 1,000 pounding to 16,768 pieces and 1,111 tierces. We note another advance in green hams, sugar and pork. It is to the credit of dealers here that they have kept in line with the present speculative rise as far as possible. We quote as follows: Canvassed hams ₱ lb, 16@c; shoulders, canvassed, 9c; breakfast bacon, 12½c; sides, clear 13½@c; rib 13c; dried beef canvassed, 18c; beef tongues, ₱ doz, $7 50; bacon shoulders, ₱ lb, 9c; sides, loose, 11½c; short rib sides, do, 12c; clear sides, do, 12½c; short clear ₱ bbl, $24 00; prime leaf lard, in tcs, 9½@10c; refined for summer use, in tcs, do, 9½@10c; do, 10c; buckets, do, 11c; in 3 lb cadidies, do, 13@13½c; in 5 lb pails, do, 16c; in 3 lb pails, do, 16½c; in 5 lb pails, do, 16c; in 6 lb pails, do, 15½c.

FISH.—Dealers report trade in this line moderate, with a good demand for new mackerel. Prices have a little lower tone.

No. 1 extra mess mackerel, ₱ bbl	$28 00
No. 1 mess do	24 00
Extra No. 1 shore	21 00
Extra No. 1 bay	18 00
No. 1 bay	17 00
Extra No. 2	14 00
No. 2 bay	13 00
New No. 3	10 00
Georges codfish, ₱ lb	7 00
Do do	6 50

CARBON OIL.—We quote carbon oil from store at 16@16½c ₱ gal.; in barrels at the usual deduction. The market is dull and prices drooping.

LARD OIL.—We quote extra winter strained at 90@95c; No. 2, 68@72c. Demand active with light supply.

TALLOW.—Sales at 7@7½c ₱ lb for prime and 6½@6¾c for medium. Demand good and market firm.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ALES.—X $9 00 ₱ bbl; XX $10 00 ₱ bbl; India ale $11 00 ₱ bbl; Bass' English ale, in kilderkins of 72 gallons, $60@70; 30 bbls, 41 gallons, $40 00@41 00; hhds, 58 gallons, $52 50@55 00; in cases, 4 doz bottles, $20 25. Wm. Younger's India pale ale, in case of 4 doz bottles, $2 75@3 00 ₱ doz; Robert Younger's sparkling ale, $2 75@3 00 ₱ doz. Guinness' stout, bottled by A. Burke, $2 75@3 00 ₱ doz; Cantrell & Coobrane's ginger ale, $2 25 ₱ doz; Caswell, Hazard & Co.'s ginger ale, $1 75 ₱ doz.

ALCOHOL AND HIGHWINES.—The market firm, and a shade higher. We quote alcohol at $2 10@2 15 ₱ gallon; Highwines first at $1 00@1 05 ₱ gallon.

ASHES.—Soda ashes, refined 4½@4¾c; common 3½@4c; black lead 5c; arsenic 5c; pearl ashes 9c; pearls 10c.

BROOMS.—We quote as follows: Common $1 75@2 00 ₱ dozen; medium $2 25@2 50; good $2 75@3 25; choice $3 00@3 75; extra $4 00; carpet brooms $4 00@4 25; whisks $1 50@1 75 ₱ dozen.

BROOM CORN.—Market quiet. We note sales of Hurl at 9c; 10c; green 6@8c; red 5@6c ₱ lb.

BANNER BAKING POWDER.—Sales as follows: ½ lb cans $1 50 ₱ doz; ½ lb cans $3 00; 1 lb cans $5 00; 5 lb cans $25 00; 10 lb boxes 40c ₱ lb. Market steady and demand good.

COTTON GOODS.—Another advance in cotton goods. Eagle 16; Idaho 16½c; Duquesne 16c; Magnolia 9c. Penn Mill A No. 1, 4-4 sheeting at 11c; Nonotuck 10½c; Pittsburgh family 10c; Juniata R fine 9½c; Penn Mill 3-4 bus bags 33c; do 2½ bus, do 3 bus bags 36c; white cotton chain 36c; do colored 36c; cotton batting 16c; cotton twine 31c.

CEMENT.—Louisville hydraulic cement $2 00@2 25 ₱ bbl; Phœnix hydraulic cement $2 00@2 25 ₱ bbl; Rosendale cement $3 50@4 00; Youghiogheny $1 75@2 00; Portland cement $7 50@8 00.

CONCENTRATED LYE.—Quotations are given at $7 50@8 00 for best quality; second quality $7 00@7 75.

CRACKERS.—We quote as follows: Lemon biscuit 11½c; sugar wafers 12c; ogeechee crackers 7c; soda crackers 7c; sugar crackers 9½@10c; butter crackers 7c; water crackers 7c ₱ lb.

FARINA.—Baling papers 6@6½c ₱ lb. Carpet linity; manilla 7@12c; hard ware papers 6@12c; bag wrapping 4½@5c; print papers 4@4½c; straw, news, 4@4½c; rag, news, 12½@13c; book papers 15@18 ₱ lb.

RISING SUN STOVE POLISH.—Sales made at $6 00 ₱ gross.

RAGS.—Cotton at 2½@3c ₱ lb and woolen at 2½c.

SAPOLIO.—Cases of 6 dozen, $6 00; hand sapolio, cases of 6 dozen, $5 00.

SALT.—Car lots, ₱ bbl, $1 00; jobbing lots $1 80@1 85.

STAVES AND COOPERAGE.—The market is steady. Staves matched with heading are quoted at $20 00@25 00 ₱ m; pork barrels, 200 barrels are quoted at $1 55@1 60; country $1 45@1 50. We note a recent sale of city made at $1 62, which is regarded as an outside price.

WOOL.

There was a rather slow movement during the latter part of the week, consisting mainly of sales from dealers to manufacturers. There is very little doing now in the way of purchase from producers, as all of that class who have not sold their wool are determined to hold on, and will probably do so for some time. Prices remain are unchanged, as follows:

Combing.....50@53c Fine fleece.....41@46c
Tubwashed.....45@48c Medium.....42@44c
Rolled wool.....38@39c Common fleece..34@37c
Unwashed.....30@34c

The Boston *Journal of Commerce* has the following:

"The market generally is firm, with a strong tendency toward higher values, especially in fleeces. The markets West are pushing upwards, and although now above the views of the majority of dealers here, there are buyers operating and shipping East to hold for a rise. The fact that there is more wool in Boston today than ever before at this time, and the abundancy among manufacturers, and is the basis for an impression that Ohios cannot long sell at 46@47c. Texas, coarse, 29@32c; California, fine and medium, 29@36c; California, coarse, 26@30c.

IRON MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

July 25.—American pig although there is no great demand apparent for pig iron, the stocks in the Lehigh are not increasing, according to the last statement we can get. There is little or no gray forge to be had there, and the stock of other grades is not large. We hear of sales of all grades, amounting to about 2,500 tons, at our quotion. We quote: No. 1 foundry, $31 00@32 00; No. 2 foundry, $29 00@30 00; gray forge, $27 00@28 00. Some recent purchasers of iron at higher than the present prices have refused on technical grounds to receive it from the makers in two cases, from the importers in another. A declining market unusually brings about such things; but it should be remembered to the credit of our iron makers and the importers of South pig, that in no case, so far as we can learn, where the advance took place, did they shirk from the fulfillment of their contracts.

Scotch Pig.—There is little change in the condition of the market since our last, the sales and the arrivals having both been light. We quote Summerlee, $26 00@27 00; Eglinton, $33 00@34 00; Coltness, $34 00. An interesting article from a Glasgow paper on the recent "rig" in that market will be found elsewhere.

Bar.—Since our last quotation the inquiry for bars has been strong, be the prices offered what they may, although by no means being the average base offer. The mill in the country at present cost of production, lay down in Philadelphia, at $2 10@2 20 per 100 lbs, and selling at this price without loss, unless the proportion of extra sizes is very large. Should the demand increase, we look for mills to be forced to at least cover cost. A few mills are steadily refusing to accept large orders at less than 2 cents in Philadelphia, and we think this price will soon be general.

Rails.—The report that the rail market has been without new features, and we quot as last week, $57 00@58 00 at mill, $60 00@60 00, at mill, for American, and $48 00@50 00, gold, Welsh.

Old Rails.—We continue the nominal quotations of $37 00@40 00 for iron rails, which can be bought cheaper for cash, were there any demand. At present, however, it seems as if there were no sales worth the market to sell old rails than to buy them.

Scrap.—We note a fair enquiry for scrap from store, with very little doin. 400 tons, to arrive, sold at $25 00 gold in bond. Very low sales are reported in Philadelphia.—*Iron Age.*

BRITISH IRON MARKET.

(Specially reported by cable for the Iron Age.)

WEDNESDAY, July 22, 1874.

Scotch Pig—During the week the quotations for makers' irons have gone up several shillings per ton over the figures last quoted by cable, and the market is now firm at the rise, apparently owing to a genuine shipping demand, the returns for last week showing a slight increase over the corresponding period of last year. Following are makers' prices:

Gartsherrie No. 1.....110s.
Coltness No. 1.....110s.
Langloan No. 1.....108s.
Eglinton No. 1.....88s.

Manufactured iron—The market continues quiet. Staffordshire bars are quoted at £11 @ £12.

Rails—The market is quiet, with not much business doing. Welsh may be quoted £7. 10s. @8. 8s.

BOSTON.

July 24.—The iron market continues dull, though the depressed spirit of both buyers and sellers is less noticeable. There has been a ripple to the surface of the market by the sale of a number of small cargoes and two car lots to small foundry men, a few of whom have secured their first order for work since May, but the absence of inquiry for round lots, or the contract talk so usual at this season, is still forming to give business its accustomed vitality.

In manufactured iron the dullness is for the present a matter of course. Mechanics and wagon-makers, and the sundry country users seem to be busy having. The hardware, tool, and nail manufacturers have also a fairly enthusiastic shape, and the short stop now is quite long enough to give both parties a season of rest and reflection.

"There is no immediate anxiety for pressing sales, though a number of the boys are out with their drummers now out showing samples, getting points as to the prospects of fall trade, counting as far as possible the actual amount of machinery lying idle. It will require another week for fairly-sized sales to come to work in a smooth groove. In the meantime the few large buyers, who run their rolls right along and all circumstances, are working sales, and it is not at all improbable that a number of as heavy sales as we note this week will be reported by Tuesday."

WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE OIL MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, MONDAY, July 20, 1874.

The following are the receipts of crude for the past week, with a comparison table for previous years; also, the exports of refined, together with the week's transactions:

	Receipts Crude per Penn R. R.	Exports Crude per Penn per R. R.
Monday, July 20	2,902	2,216
Tuesday, July 21	8,854	4,504
Wednesday, July 22	3,701	4,356
Thursday, July 23	4,747	3,343
Friday, July 24	3,160	2,452
Saturday, July 25	3,487	3,416
Total for week	29,718	7,011
Since January 1	1,125,101	76,784
To July 25, 1874	1,154,819	83,795
Same time 1873	1,063,898	32,443
Same time 1872	1,077,714	213,140
Same time 1871	627,202	60,957
Same time 1870	624,490	87,953
Same time 1869	465,179	41,992
Same time 1868	682,147	91,151

BUSINESS.

The market for the past week has been marked by a prevalence of lower figures than for some time past. On Tuesday the lowest point was reached, but since that point the market has kept down to about 70@75c for United at which 5,000@6,000 bbls found employment on board cars. At these rates transactions have been very active, and probably a larger amount of oil has changed hands during the past week than during any week for months past. This activity would probably have acted to buoy up prices had it not been accompanied with reports of new strikes —some of them of undoubted importance. As it was there was a good deal of nervousness on the part of holders on Friday, but buyers still seemed able to get all the oil they wanted at the previous day's quotations.

The following are the crude receipts from all points by river and rail for the past two weeks:

	Last week.	This week.
Crude received, bbls	26,649	29,718

The following are the crude receipts from all points by river and rail for the past ten years:

From January 1 to July 25, 1874	1,154,819
Same time 1873	1,063,898
Same time 1872	1,077,714
Same time 1871	627,202
Same time 1870	624,490
Same time 1869	465,179
Same time 1868	682,147
Same time 1867	670,000
Same time 1866	266,160

EXPORTS OF REFINED.

The following are the exports of refined oil east by the Pennsylvania, and Allegheny Valley Railroads for the past two weeks:

	Last week.	This week.
Pennsylvania Railroad	13,722	11
Allegheny Valley Railroad	24,767	28,504
Total	38,289	28,515

The following are the exports of refined oil east by the various routes, for the past five years, from January 1st to July 25:

	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.
P. R. R	87,963	60,327	87,714	32,443	83,795
A. V. R. R	282,213	397,343	313,145	453,726	477,999
Total	370,166	367,670	400,859	486,171	561,785

SATURDAY.

There was not much change from the previous day's market. There was a trifle more firmness on the part of holders, but transactions were only light, and the market was quiet.

CRUDE.

Crude is held at 75@76½c for United at wells; immediate shipment f. o. b. cars at 90@95c; United and Union at river at $1 00@1 05. Sales as follows are reported from

PARKER'S:

2,000 bbls United, at wells.....76½c
1,000 bbls United, at wells.....75 c

SMITH'S FERRY, OIL.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial:

The market is dull and drooping. We quote crude at the Cleveland and Pittsburgh railroad at 95c per bbl; at wells 85c.

REFINED.

The market for refined continues quiet and depressed at 19¼@19¾c for carbon oil f. o. b. in car lots.

New York—The market is a trifle firmer. Refined spot is quoted at 12½c.

Philadelphia—Refined spot is quoted at 13½c; August delivery 11¾c.

OIL BARRELS

are steady. We quote city-made at $1 35@1 60; country do at $1 40@1 50.

TITUSVILLE, July 25.—The *Herald* says: The petroleum markets are quiet and unchanged. On the upper road the market closed steady at $1 05@1 10. At Parker's the market is dull at 75@75½c at wells for United. Sales:

1,000 bbls upper road, spot.....$1 02½
1,800 bbls upper road, spot.....1 03
500 bbls upper road, spot.....1 07¼
2,000 bbls Parkers, United, at wells.....75
1,000 bbls Parkers, United, at wells.....75

NEW YORK, July 25, closing 24.—The lower rates ruling for ocean freights starts the demand for shipping oil a trifle, and induces rather a steadier market, but no advance in prices. Crude in bulk is quoted at 8c; sales of 5,000 barrels for week by delivery closing in August, were reported at 8c; refined 12½c for prompt delivery and the balance of month; sales of 2,000 barrels spot delivery at 12¾c; cases 19½@19¾c; Philadelphia 75@75c; Philadelphia delivery—there is a moderate demand for refined at firm prices; quoted at 12c for duty delivery.

ROUSEVILLE, July 25.—The market is quiet with nothing doing at about 92@95c.

PETROLEUM CENTER, July 25.—There is nothing doing, with crude held at about 90c.

TIDIOUTE, July 25.—The market is quiet at about 70c at wells.

OIL CITY, July 25.—The market is quiet at $1 02¾.

TITUSVILLE, July 25.—The market is quiet and unchanged at $1 05@1 05.

PARKERS, July 25.—United at wells 75c. The market is firmer but quiet, with nothing doing.

PHILADELPHIA, July 25.—The market is quiet; S. W. 113c; crude delivered after September 106; sales more; futures—August 112c.

Crude Oil Received by A. V. R. R.

Shipper.	Destination.	Bbls.
Fisher Bros	Loomis O W	148
Duncan	American O W	80
Bushnell	Lilly O W	469
Bushnell	Standard O W	1,099
Bushnell	National O W	1,099
Stevenson	Liberty O W	314
L W Young	Sunbeam O W	234
C F Thomas	Sunbeam O W	109
Total		3,289

WOOL MARKETS.

BALTIMORE.

July 25.—The receipts of wool are very liberal for the season and the market is firm, with a good demand, all the offerings being promptly taken. We quote unwashed at 25@30c; good unwashed 32@35c; merino 28@30c; tub washed 48@52c, and lambs' pulled 32@36c.—*American.*

PHILADELPHIA.

July 25.—There is a fair business doing and prices are firmer. The sales included: Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia—X and above, 52@55c; X, delaine, 52@53c; fine medium, 48@50c; coarse, 45c. New York, Michigan, Indiana and Western—fine, 48@50c; medium, 47@48c; coarse, 45c; combing, washed, combing, unwashed, 40@41c; Canada combing, 60c; fine, unwashed, 32@36c; coarse and medium, unwashed, 38@38c; tub washed, 50@57½c. Colorado washed, 25@30c. Colorado, unwashed, 22@23c; extra and merino, pulled 40@45c. No. 1 and superfine pulled, 40@42c. Texas, fine and medium, 29@33c. Texas, coarse, 28@29c. California, fine and medium, 29@36c. California, coarse, 26@30c.

Louisville Market.

LOUISVILLE, July 25.—Cotton quiet at 16½c. Flour, grain and provisions quiet and unchanged in every respect. Whisky steady, with a moderate demand, at 94c.

New York Finance and Trade.

Gold Closed at 109¾.

NEW YORK, July 25, 1874.

CITY MATTERS.

Personal.

Mr. Barclay, of the firm of Barclay & Wallace, one of the heaviest flour manufacturing firms of Minnesota, is on a visit to Pittsburgh.

Young Men's Catholic Society.

Last evening the Young Men's Catholic Society met in the basement of the Cathedral, and after adopting a constitution, went into an election of officers, with the following result: President, W. B. McCaffrey; Vice President, F. D. McKeever; Corresponding Secretary, James B. Dodge; Recording Secretary, James B. O'Neil. The society will meet every Thursday evening in the basement of the Cathedral, for literary, musical and dramatic performances.

Knights of Pythias.

Members of the different lodges of the order of Knights of Pythias held a meeting on Saturday evening for the purpose of organizing a Drill and Excursion Association. C. G. McMillan was elected President, Theodore Myler Secretary, and J. C. Brenelli Treasurer. An invitation from the Steubenville commandery, inviting them to be present and participe in a banquet and ball on Wednesday, August 12, was read and accepted. The excursion will be participated in by from two hundred to two hundred and fifty members of the order, under the command of Col. J. B. Moore, chief-marshal of Pittsburgh commanderies. The Great Western Band will accompany them. The Knights' lodge, and various others throughout Ohio will be present. They have also received an invitation to visit Cleveland in September, which has been accepted.

Pittsburgh Mortuary Report.

Dr. W. Snively, Physician to the Board of Health, reports a total of 166 deaths in Pittsburgh for the week ending July 25. Of those dying 163 were whites and 3 were colored; 81 were married, 86 were single, and 3 were widows. Of natives of the United States there were 75; France, 1; Germany, 8; Ireland, 5; Italy, 3. The ages were as follows: Under one year, 45; from one to two years, 18; from two to five years, 11; from five to ten years, 5; from ten to fifteen years, 1; from twenty to thirty years, 1; from thirty to forty years, 9; from forty to fifty years, 5; from fifty to sixty years, 2; from sixty to seventy years, 5; from seventy to eighty years, 3; from eighty to ninety years, 1; total 166.

The causes of death were as follows: Alcoholism, 1; abcess, 2; accident, 1; accident on railroad, 2; congestion of brain, 1; capillary bronchitis, 2; Bright's disease, chronic, 1; cholera infantum, 35; cholera morbus, 2; cerebro-spinal meningitis, 1; consumption, 4; convulsions, 2; debility, 1; diarrhœa, 3; dysentery, acute, 5; enteritis, acute, 2; scarlet fever, 2; heart, valvular disease, 1; hernia, 1; homicide, 1; inanition, 6; congestion of lungs, 1; marasmus, 1; malformation of heart, 1; meningitis, acute, 1; measles, 1; old age, 3; premature birth, 1; purpura hemorrhagica, 1; pneumonitis, 4; unknown, 2; whooping cough, 2.

The Liviest Sport of the Season.

Saturday afternoon last, at Friendship Driving Park, the great Indian foot race against four horses, for a purse of $100, came off, and drew together an immense crowd of spectators. It was in every respect a grand success. The Indians were to run five mile and eight yards, while the horses were to go ten mile, the horses going in the following order: "Sorrel Jim," paeer, started first from the judges' stand, and was driven one mile; then "Bloom's Roan," running horse, took up the race and made a half mile "Scrub Billy," a running horse of great speed, started and made one mile; then "Alex. Wonder," a paeer, went one half mile, and so repeated the race till the horses made the ten miles.

Fleet Wing, an Indian, was started from the three-quarter pole at the same time with the horses' starting, and ran to the judge's stand when Steeple Rock, another Indian, took up the race, going to the quarter pole, and then Deerfoot, also an Indian, continued the race from quarter to quarter, and so the race was kept steadily up till the five miles and eighty yards were made.

The race was declared in favor of the horses by a quarter of a mile, but in fairness to the Indians, we should state that the horses had much the advantage in the start and were often gotten off before the other horse had came cleverly up, which gave them considerable advantage.

The most laughable affair of the day was a foot race between a negro and a squaw, followed by a quarter